

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: STARCH NETWORKS AS ABSORBENT OR SUPERABSORBENT
MATERIALS AND THEIR PREPARATION BY EXTRUSION

Appl. No.: 10/550,748

Applicant: Thibodeau *et al.*

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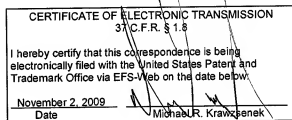
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MAY 14, 2009**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction and Species Election Requirement mailed May 14, 2009. A Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time is also being filed along with the respective fee. Should any fees be required, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/BRKP:004US.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

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